

College Week

Cooper's Corner

Don't forget these important housing due dates coming up on **Thursday, March 15!**

Students who have a current non-academic ADA accommodation or students who are seeking a non-academic ADA accommodation (including ADA single room, meal plan reduction, emotional support animal) must have completed or updated paperwork submitted to Natalie Basil in the Office of Student Life no later than **March 15, 2018** in order for accommodations to be made as part of the housing selection process. Students who submit paperwork after this deadline will have their accommodations considered but may not be able to be accommodated prior to June 1, 2018. Please email housing@bennington.edu with any questions regarding residential accommodations.

Do you want to live off campus? As you know, Bennington College has a residency requirement that all enrolled students live in campus housing unless they are: 23 years of age; are married or living with dependent children; live with parent/guardian within 30 miles of campus and/or have an approved ADA accommodation. Students who feel they have extenuating circumstance beyond these reasons should submit an off-campus appeal form no later than **March 15, 2018**. Please email housing@bennington.edu to request the form.

As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to housing@bennington.edu.

From my corner to yours,

Tina

- 🌟 **Alumni Career Networking.** Meet with Alumni Relations staff to learn how to connect with Bennington alumni wherever you go! Find potential contacts for FWT or after graduation from a global network of over 13,000 alumni using the Alumni App, social media, and other resources. **Meetings are by appointment every Wednesday 12-2 pm** (other arrangements can be made on a case-by-case basis). Schedule an "Alumni Networking Appointment" on Genbook, and be ready to tell us a little more about your academic and professional interests, and how the alumni community can help further your goals!
- 🍷 **Undergraduate Writing Fellowship Program.** The Bennington Undergraduate Writing Fellowships allow a select group of undergraduate writers studying poetry, fiction, or literary nonfiction to further their craft with a 10-day residency at Bennington's MFA in Writing program. The fellowship covers full participation in the MFA residency, as well as room and board. **Applications are due April 2.**
- 🚗 **Do you need a bike to get around campus to class, or to go off campus for a little ride?** The Bennington BikeShare program has several bikes, with helmets & locks available to be signed out. Just come to the Campus Safety Office and fill out a form to sign out a college bike. Any questions about bikes or the college BikeShare program, feel free to ask Officer Michael Zhuraw or email campussafety@bennington.edu - Ride safely!
- 👩 **Women's Health nurse practitioner Kim Ratelle** will be joining us again this term to provide medical care to students who prefer a female provider. She will be in the Student Health Center from 9am to noon, every other **Thursday, beginning March 22nd**. Email healthservices@bennington.edu, or call extension 4426 for an appointment.
- 🏠 **Don't forget** that all housing processes (order of selection) will be based on students' anticipated graduation date as posted in Populi on **April 10, 2018**. Please plan ahead and check your Populi account to verify that your anticipated graduation date is correct. If a you believe your anticipated graduation date is incorrect, please work with the Registrar's Office to resolve any confusion.
- 🏠 **Do you want to move to a new house or a new room?** Well, you're in luck because the room change period is upon us! Please email housing@bennington.edu to set up a meeting to discuss your room change options. Please keep in mind that we will be receiving a large volume of requests so it may take me a few days to get a response.
- 🍁 **It's maple sugaring season!** We have trees tapped and are collecting sap every day and boiling it during the weekend. Sign up for a shift, learn more about what to do in Vermont this time of year & spend time in the woods by a fire. All volunteers get a jar of syrup at the end of the season. E-mail Joana Santos jsantos@bennington.edu to get involved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 🌟 **Throughout the Week: Club & Org Tabling.** Looking to connect with a new campus club/organization this term? Student Groups from across the spectrum will be tabling through the **lunch and dinner period until Tuesday, March 13** in the main room of the Student Center.
- 🌟 **FLoW: FREE Tax Help From Monday, March 5 to Tuesday, April 17** AARP is offering free tax help to low- to moderate-income taxpayers at two locations in the Bennington: Sacred Heart St Francis Church located at 238 Main Street, Bennington and St John Baptist located at 3-5 Houghton Street, North Bennington. Call (802) 442-9504 to schedule an appointment. If you need help filing your taxes and want to learn more about the tax help stop by First Year Experience, Barn North 113 or email fye@bennington.edu.
- 📖 **Media Studies candidate presentation by Elaine Gan** on Monday, March 12 at 7:00 pm, in CAPA Symposium. Please send candidate feedback to search chair, Robert Ransick.
- GO **FLoW: First-Generation College Student Summit presented by Class Action Organization at Mount Holyoke College** on Saturday, April 21. The Summit brings FLoW students and their allies together to identify problems, discuss grassroots solutions and share what's working on other campuses. If you are interested in attending, **you need to apply by Tuesday, March 13**. For more information on the application stop by First Year Experience, Barn North 113 or email fye@bennington.edu.
- 💰 **Financial Equity in the Workplace** a Financial Fluency Series on Tuesday, March 13 at 12:30 pm, in Dickinson 212.
- 🎵 **From Aleppo: A Concert with Muhammad Qadri Dalal** on Tuesday, March 13 at 8:30 pm, in Deane Carriage Barn, Pit. Please join us for a rare opportunity to hear this acclaimed master of the Oud and improvisation in Syrian music.
- 🏠 **House Chair applications** will be due at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14. The applications can be found on the Residential Life page of the website under Housing Forms. You can also email studentlife@bennington.edu and we can send you a link.
- 📖 **Literature Evening Reading by Morgan Jerkins MFA '16** on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm, in Franklin Livingroom. Jerkins is the author of the New York Times bestselling book, THIS WILL BE MY UNDOING.
- 🌟 **Please stop by the President's Office** on Thursday, March 15 between 3:00 - 5:00 pm **to say goodbye to Christina Andrews**. Christina has been a remarkable member of the Bennington Community. Please join us in thanking Christina for her dedicated service and wishing her well in her adventures to come.
- 🎵 **The Student Gift Program's 2nd Annual Faculty and Staff Karaoke Night** is Thursday, March 15 from 8-10 pm in the Student Center. Phillip Williams will be emcee! Make a gift in honor of your favorite performer at Student Gift table at lunch this week. All funds raised go to Bennington Fund scholarships for members of the Class of 2022.
- 🕒 On Friday, March 16 at 1:00 pm, in Dickinson 232 visiting mathematics professor Steve Morics discusses **B-List Theorems: Mathematics That Deserves More Attention**. Everyone is welcome and snacks will be available.
- 📖 **Vermont Law School** is offering two scholarships (covering tuition and housing) for Bennington students participating in the New Frontiers in Environmental Law and Policy Summer Program. Scholarship application is posted on Bennington's Grants and Fellowships webpage; **deadline is March 16**. Please see Noelle Murphy or Dechen Albero for more information.
- 🌟 **Silo Submission Deadline (FOR ONLINE & MAGAZINE) is Sunday, April 1!** Submit up to 5 pieces to silo@bennington.edu to be considered. Check website for guidelines.
- 📖 **Need help with your essays?** The Writing Tutors are back! We are in Crossett Reading Room from 8pm-10pm Sundays-Thursdays. Come for writing tips and candy!
- GO The countdown begins! We are extremely excited to announce that the **Intercultural Festival** is happening on **Saturday, March 24** at 7:00 pm, in Martha Hill. Mark your calendars for this fun filled evening of music, dance and spoken word performances and some delectable desserts!
- 🌟 **New Pop-Up Announced: After Parkland: Gun culture, gun violence, and the shifting politics of gun control (POP2350.01).** Taught by Brian Campion, this course will use Vermont as a model to examine gun culture, gun policy, the ongoing work of policy makers at the State's Capitol, and whether or not such actions are likely to be the most effective to keep citizens safe. The course will host guests with different perspectives on this issue to share their positions and efforts. The class will meet Mondays from 8:00-9:50am from March 19 through April 30. **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Please email all College Week submissions to collegeweek@bennington.edu by Thursday at noon for inclusion the following week.

24 HOURS • EVERYDAY • MAR 12 THROUGH MAR 18

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 12

11:30 am Institute for Study Abroad tabling with Bronwyn Edwards, Student Center

7:00 pm Media Studies Candidate Presentation: Elaine Gan, CAPA Symposium

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

All Day Last day to withdraw from first 7 week courses, Bennington Campus

All Day First Generation College Student Summit application due, First Year Experience Office, Barn North

11:30 am CAPA Global Education Network tabling with Nora Larkin, Student Center

12:30 pm Financial Equity in the Workplace, Dickinson 212

P 8:30 pm From Aleppo: A concert with Muhammad Qadri Dala, Deane Carriage Barn

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

All Day House Chair applications due, Residential Life page on Bennington College website

11:30 am The Education Abroad Network tabling with Nancy Clarke, Student Center

11:45 am Meals on Wheels for lunch, Flagpole

6:30 pm Voices from Abroad: Reflections on Life & Study Outside the US, CAPA Symposium

P 7:00 pm Literature Evenings with Morgan Jerkins MFA '16, Franklin Living Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

All Day ADA Accommodation app. & Off-Campus appeals due, Student Life Barn North or housing@bennington.edu

11:30 am School for International Training tabling with Wanda Dutton, Student Center

3:00 pm A farewell gathering for Christina Andrews, President's Office Barn 125

8:00 pm Student Gift Program's 2nd Annual Staff and Faculty Karaoke, Student Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

All Day First-Year essays due, Provost & Dean's Office

All Day Vermont Law School scholarship application due, Academic Services Barn 120

P 1:00 pm B-List Theorems: Mathematics that Deserves more Attention, Dickinson 232

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 am Farmers' Market, 601 Main Street downtown Bennington

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Did you know? The green earth-choice coffee cups are compostable! Please dispose into composting bins located in the dining hall or student houses.

Tech Tip of the Week

Campus community members wanting to ensure that their PDF documents are highly accessible to individuals using screen reader technology, for example, for blind or partially-sighted colleagues, may wish to use the Adobe Acrobat Pro tool to create and check for accessibility. This guide, <http://bit.ly/pdfaccessibility>, walks you through the process of building and verifying the accessibility of your PDF documents. If you have questions, please call the Help Desk at X4476 or email helpdesk@bennington.edu. Follow the

Tech Tip of the Week collection on Google Plus for more information and access to archived tips.

Bennington ACTS

- March 14 - Join us for a trip to **Meals on Wheels** for lunch and an orientation to their volunteer opportunities. Anyone is welcome, but you must sign up via acts@bennington.edu by Monday, March 12 at 1:00 pm! Transportation & lunch provided for all who go on the trip, we'll leave at 11:45 am.
- March 17 - **Farmers' Market** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 601 Main Street downtown with free \$5 Bennington College market bucks for the first 19 students.
- March 25 - **Second Chance Animal Shelter** volunteer trip from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Transportation leaves from the flagpole at 11:30 am & you can expect to return to campus by 3:30 pm.
- April 6 - an evening with **Miss Major Griffin-Gracy** in Brattleboro. Miss Major is a 73-year old Black transgender woman who's been fighting for trans women of color for over 40 years. Transportation is provided & leaving at 3:45 pm, but anyone interested in attending must sign up in advance by emailing acts@bennington.edu or visiting us when we table in Dining.
- Start the semester off balanced - stop by the **Self-Care Station** in the UpCaf for tips on creating a schedule & managing your time.
- Like our **Facebook page** - "Bennington ACTS" to keep up to date with events.
- Email acts@bennington.edu to sign up for our **"Weekly ACTS"** email, with any questions about upcoming events, and/or ideas for events.
- All of March - Bennington College is participating in the **Bennington County Hunger Council's 2nd Annual Peanut Butter & Jam Slam**. The goal - as a greater Bennington community - is to collect 2,000 jars of peanut butter and jelly to replenish 5 local food distribution centers in Bennington County during a time of year when donations are less robust. Donate unopened jars of nut butters and jelly in our donation boxes in Barn North and the Office for Student Engagement! Questions? Email acts@bennington.edu for more information.

Open Office Hours

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BARN 125)

MARIKO SILVER, President of the College: Please contact Leanne Brown for an appointment, ext. 4300.

DEAN'S OFFICE (BARN 123)

ISABEL ROCHE, Provost and Dean of the College: Mon., 12:00-1:00 pm.

LAURIE KOBICK, Dean of Studies: Tuesday, 12:30-1:30 pm, contact Kelly Hayes for an appointment, ext. 4400.

ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE (BARN 112)

Office hours: by appointment Weds. 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

ACADEMIC SERVICES (BARN 120)

NOELLE EVERETT MURPHY, Director of Grants and Fellowships and Associate Director of Academic Services: Mon. & Wed., 1:00-2:00 pm.

KATY EVANS, Academic Services & Accommodations Advisor, Tues. & Thurs. 1:00-2:00 pm.

FWT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (BARN 112)

FAITH MCCLELLAN, Director of Field Work Term and Career Development: Thurs., 1:00-2:00 pm.

WALK IN HOURS: Tues. & Wed., 12:00-2:00 pm.

SENIOR WALK IN HOURS: Thur. 12:00-2:00 pm.

UNDER GRADUATE WRITING INITIATIVES (CROSSETT LIBRARY)

CAMILLE GUTHRIE, Director of Undergraduate Writing Initiatives: Tues. 10:00 - 12:00 pm, Wed. 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Thurs., 9:30-11:00 am.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (BARN NORTH)

XENIA MARKOWITT, Dean of Students: Contact Christine Congelosi-Lulla for an appointment, ext. 4220.

NATALIE BASIL, Assistant Dean of Students: Contact Christine Congelosi-Lulla for an appointment, ext. 4220.

TINA COOPER, Assistant Director of Residential Life: Thurs., 12:30-2:00 pm.

SAM CLEMENT, Student Life Associate, call for appointment, ext. 4613

SAMANTHA IVERY, Director of Projects in Campus Equity & Inclusion, call for appointment, ext. 4756.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES (BARN NORTH)

KATE CHILD, Director of the First-Year Experience and International Student Services: Tues. & Thurs., 1:00-2:00 pm.

DANIELLE DOHANEY, First Year & International Student Advisor: Wed. & Fri., 1:00-2:00 pm.

ADRIANA DIAZ, First Year Advisor in First-Year Experience, Mon. & Wed., 1:00-2:00 pm.

OFFICE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (UPCAF)

MATT SCOTT, Director for Student Engagement: call or email for an appointment, ext. 4334.

ANYA PIOTROWSKI, Assistant Director for Community Engagement: Mon. 3-5:30 pm, Thurs. 4-5:30 pm.

ALLISON KUHLMAN, Assistant Director of Student Engagement, Fri., 3:00-5:00 pm.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

ALI TARTAGLIA, Director of Student Health Promotion: Mon., 1:00-4:00 pm, room 123.

Looking for more information on the events listed here? Try the online event calendar at

www.bennington.edu

R denotes off campus events not affiliated with the college

P denotes events open to the public

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Study Away

Study Abroad One World Days continue!

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Financial Fluency Workshops

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- Health Insurance 101, Thursday, March 22
- Getting Paid for Work You Value, Thursday, April 5
- Household Budgeting and Financial Planning, Thursday, April 19
- Negotiating Your Salary, Tuesday, May 1
- Paying Off Student Loans, Tuesday, May 15

Career Advising and Senior Drop-in Hours

Though senior advising is available anytime, on Plan days we are reserving advising sessions specifically for seniors. Make an appointment at <http://bennington.genbook.com/> and tell us what you hope to cover, or stop by the office during senior drop-in hours every Wednesday 12:00 -2:00 pm.

Health Promotion

Stop by and visit us on Tuesdays for our tabling events in the dining hall from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. This week we begin tabling around alcohol-related information and what a standard drink size is! As always, if you or someone you know needs assistance or support related to sexual misconduct, please feel free to contact me via email or phone (24/7) at 802-440-HOPE (4673).

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